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In re Patent Application of

Dominique Bernard et al.

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COSMETICS AND THERAPEUTICS

MAIL STOP AF

Group Art Unit: 1656

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Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Applicants request the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

This Statement, Form PTO-1449 and documents are being submitted after issuance of a final Office Action on the merits; therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and the statement specified in paragraph (3) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 are provided.

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I, the undersigned, hereby state in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

JP A-11-139933 is in Japanese, but its English-language counterpart Bernard et al. US 6,737,055, is cited to serve in place of an English translation. The US patent issued on a

division of Bernard et al. US 6,274,364, which was itself previously cited by applicants in their First Information Disclosure Statement and has been previously considered herein by the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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